APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 299 asked by Sri S. Ramalingam (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 4th April 1953, page 844 supra.]

The Commission issued a notification in 1950–51 for the recruitment of candidates for appointment as Assistant Surgeons, Class II. The candidates who applied in response to this notification were also interviewed. But before the announcement of the results, the Supreme Court held that the Communal rule of this Government was *ultra vires* the Constitution of India and so the recruitment had to be deferred pending the issue of a new rule relating to reservation of appointments. In the meanwhile, the cadres of Assistant Surgeons, Classes I and II, were unified to form a single cadre of Assistant Surgeons and revised rules had to be issued before candidates could be recruited to the unified cadre of Assistant Surgeons. After the issue of these rules, the Commission was asked to readvertise the vacancies and select 352 candidates for appointment as Assistant Surgeons. The Commission readvertised the vacancies and the candidates who had already applied and whose applications had been admitted were asked not to apply again. The Commission considered the applications already received in response to its previous notification along with the applications, received in response to the fresh notification, and selected 352 candidates. The Government have appointed 341 candidates as Assistant Surgeons. The Director of Medical Services will issue shortly orders of posting to these candidates. The question of approving the selection of 11 more candidates is under the consideration of Government.

The Commission was also asked to recruit 6 candidates for appointment as Assistant Surgeons in X-ray department. In April 1952, the Commission selected two candidates for the appointment. The Government appointed them as Assistant Surgeons in X-ray departments in August 1952.